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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - July 21, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam today announced the indictment of Felipe DeJesus Tirado, Jr. ("Tirado") on charges of bribery and receipt of gratuities.

A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging Tirado with crimes arising out of his conduct as a drug tester for Mental Health Systems, Inc., a federally contracted agency. Count 1 of the Indictment charges Tirado with soliciting and receiving a bribe in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 201(b)(2). Count 2 of the Indictment charges Tirado with unlawfully receiving a gratuity in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 201(c)(1)(B). With respect to both charges, Tirado is alleged to have falsified urinalysis testing results in return for cash payments.

Tirado was taken into custody following issuance of the indictment and made his first appearance before a federal magistrate judge on Thursday, July 21, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam commented, “The public has a right to expect and demand the honest services of its public servants. This office is committed to investigating and prosecuting vigorously those who betray the public trust for personal pecuniary gain.”

**DEFENDANT**

FELIPE DEJESUS TIRADO, JR.

DOB: March 10, 1981

Residence: San Ysidro, California

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES AND MAXIMUM PENALTIES**

Count 1: Soliciting and Receiving A Bribe – Title 18, United States Code, Section 201(b)(2)  
15 years’ imprisonment; fine of \$250,000

Count 2: Gratuity to Public Official – Title 18, United States Code, Section 201(c)(1)(B)  
2 years’ imprisonment; fine of \$250,000

**INVESTIGATING AGENCY**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

**An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged. The defendants are presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.**